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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2002, please enter this Response along with the accompanying Notice of Appeal and reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The Office Action dated October 22, 2002, indicated that the §112(1) rejection of claim 28 was withdrawn; claims 1-27 and 29-32 stand rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by *Bialik et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,568,588); and claim 28 stands rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bialik et al.*

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's withdrawal of the §112(1) rejection of claim 28.